

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

AGENCY: U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of pending NRC action to submit an information collection request to OMB and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC is preparing a submittal to OMB for review of continued approval of information collections under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Information pertaining to the requirement to be submitted:

1. The title of the information collection: Application for License to Export Nuclear Equipment and Material, NRC Form 7.

2. Current OMB approval number: 3150-0027.

3. How often the collection is required: On occasion; for each separate request for a specific export license and for exports of incidental radioactive material using existing general licenses.

4. Who is required or asked to report: Any person in the U.S. who wishes to export: (a) Nuclear material and equipment subject to the requirements of a specific license; (b) radioactive waste subject to the requirements of a specific license; and (c) incidental radioactive material that is a contaminant of shipments of more than 100 kilograms of non-waste material using existing NRC general licenses.

5. The number of annual respondents: 63.

6. The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request: 150 hours (2.4 hours per response).

7. Abstract: Any person in the U.S. wishing to export nuclear material and equipment requiring a specific authorization or radioactive waste requiring a specific authorization ordinarily should file an application for a license on NRC Form 7, except that certain submittals should be filed by letter. The application will be reviewed by the NRC and by the Executive Branch, and if applicable statutory, regulatory, and policy considerations are satisfied, the NRC will issue a license authorizing the export.

A completed NRC Form 7 must also be filed by any person in the U.S. wishing to use existing NRC general licenses for the export of incidental radioactive material before the export

takes place (if the total amount of the shipment containing the incidental radioactive material exceeds 100 kilograms). The form is reviewed by the NRC to ensure that the Agency is informed before the fact of these kinds of shipments and to allow NRC to inform other interested parties, as appropriate, including import control authorities in interested foreign countries.

Submit, by November 1, 1999, comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?

2. Is the burden estimate accurate?

3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

4. How can the burden of the information collection be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

A copy of the draft supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW (lower level), Washington, DC. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide web site (<http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/PUBLIC/OMB/index.html>). The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the NRC Clearance Officer, Brenda Jo. Shelton, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, T-6 E6, Washington, DC, 20555-0001, or by telephone at 301-415-7233, or by Internet electronic mail at BJS1@NRC.GOV.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 26th day of August 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-361 AND 50-362]

Southern California Edison Co.; San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Units 2 and 3, Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an exemption from certain requirements of its regulations to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-10 and NPF-15, issued to Southern California Edison (the licensee), for operation of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS), Units 2 and 3, located in San Diego County, California.

Environmental Assessment*Identification of the Proposed Action*

The proposed action would exempt Southern California Edison from the requirements of 10 CFR 50.44, "Standards for combustible gas control system in light-water cooled power reactors," and 10 CFR part 50, Appendix A, General Design Criterion 41, "Containment atmosphere clean-up."

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for exemption dated September 10, 1998, as supplemented July 19, 1999.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed action would allow the licensee to remove hydrogen control requirements from the SONGS Units 2 and 3 design basis. The hydrogen control requirements in the SONGS design basis are not required to provide assurance that the containment would not fail due to combustible gas accumulation and ignition during accidents where fission products would be present in the containment atmosphere. The exemption would also allow the licensee to modify emergency operating instructions to remove operator action requirements for controlling hydrogen concentration in containment because the hydrogen control requirements are no longer necessary.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed action. Current design analyses assess the potential for offsite dose consequences based on maximum allowable leakage and the potential for containment failure. The proposed exemption does